

Amendment(s) to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A water filter, comprising:

a body portion having an opening;

a water filter cartridge adapted to reside in said body portion, wherein said water filter is disposable;

a face portion, said face portion and body portion enclosing said water filter cartridge;

~~wherein said water filter cartridge is attached to~~ a pivotable element, said pivotable element operatively connected to a threaded inlet, for accepting water, and wherein said water filter cartridge is comprised of a recess for accepting said pivotable element, wherein said recess is comprised of an opening formed in part by a plurality of flexible side portions and wherein said flexible side portions releasably retain said pivotable element to said water filter cartridge and wherein said threaded inlet is adapted to be attached to a water pipe so that said water filter cartridge is connected to the water pipe by said pivotable element and threaded inlet;

wherein said threaded inlet is positioned outside said body portion when said water filter cartridge resides in said body portion.

Claim 2 (original) A water filter according to claim 1, wherein said face portion is comprised of a plurality of exit openings for passing water out of said water filter.

Claim 3 (original) A water filter according to claim 1, wherein said body portion and face portion are adapted with matching threads allowing said body portion and said face portion to be releasably coupled together to form a showerhead.

Claim 4 (previously amended) A water filter according to claim 1, wherein said water filter cartridge is adapted with at least one opening for accepting water into said water filter cartridge and wherein said pivotable element is comprised of at least one opening for allowing water to exit into said at least one opening in said water filter cartridge.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A water filter according to claim 4, ~~wherein said water filter cartridge is further comprised of a recess for accepting said pivotable element and~~ wherein said recess is adapted with a sealing ring for preventing water leakage.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously amended) A water filter according to claim 1, wherein said water filter cartridge is further comprised of an exit end having at least one opening for allowing water to exit said water filter cartridge.

Claim 9 (original) A water filter according to claim 8, wherein said body portion and said face portion are adapted with matching threads allowing said body portion and said face portion to be releasably coupled together to form a showerhead and wherein said face portion is comprised of a plurality of exit openings for passing water out of said showerhead.

Claim 10 (previously amended) A water filter according to claim 9, wherein said exit end of said water filter cartridge is releasably connected to said face portion and wherein said water exiting said exit end of said water filter flows out of said plurality of exit openings in said face portion.

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended) A water filter according to claim 44 1, wherein said water filter cartridge is disposable after removing said water filter cartridge from said body portion and after removing said pivotable element from said flexible side portions in said water filter cartridge.

Claim 13 (original) A water filter according to claim 1, wherein said pivotable element is a ball joint.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A showerhead water filter, comprising:

a body portion having an opening;

a face portion releasably coupled to said body portion, wherein said face portion is comprised of a plurality of exit openings for passing water out of said water filter, and wherein said body portion and said face portion are coupled to form a showerhead;

a water filter cartridge adapted to reside in said body portion, wherein said water filter cartridge is attached to a pivotable element, said pivotable element operatively connected to a threaded inlet, wherein said threaded inlet has an inlet passage for accepting water, and wherein said water filter cartridge is comprised of a recess formed from a plurality of flexible flanges arranged in an annular formation, wherein said flanges releasably retain said pivotable element to said water filter cartridge and wherein said threaded inlet is adapted to be attached to a water pipe so that said water

filter cartridge is connected to the water pipe by said pivotable element and threaded inlet.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (previously amended) A showerhead water filter according to claim 14, wherein said threaded inlet is positioned outside said body portion when said water filter cartridge resides in said body portion.

Claim 17 (previously amended) A showerhead water filter according to claim 14, wherein said water filter cartridge is held completely within said body portion.

Claim 18 (original) A showerhead water filter according to claim 14 wherein said body portion comprises about 80 percent of the axial length of said showerhead and wherein said face portion comprises approximately 20 percent of the axial length of said showerhead.

Claim 19 (previously amended) A showerhead filter according to claim 14 wherein said water filter cartridge is comprised of a plurality of larger openings and smaller openings for allowing water passage through said water filter cartridge.

Claim 20 (previously amended) A showerhead filter according to claim 19, wherein said smaller openings are located below said pivotable element for allowing water to flow into a center portion of said water filter cartridge.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A water filter, comprising:

- a body portion having an opening;

- a disposable water filter cartridge adapted to reside in said body portion;

- a pivotable element attached to said disposable water filter cartridge, and

wherein a portion of said pivotable element is adapted to protrude through said opening

in said body portion to attach to a water outlet pipe ~~or tube~~ so that said disposable water filter cartridge is connected to the water outlet pipe by said pivotable element, wherein said pivotable element is hollow allowing water to flow through said pivotable element to said disposable water filter cartridge and wherein said disposable water filter cartridge is comprised of a retaining means for releasably retaining said pivotable element to said disposable water filter cartridge; and

a face portion having a plurality of exit openings for allowing water to exit said water filter.

Claim 22 (original) A water filter according to claim 21, wherein said face portion is releasably coupled to said body portion, wherein said face portion is comprised of a plurality of exit openings for passing water out of said water filter, and wherein said body portion and said face portion are coupled to form a showerhead.

Claim 23 (canceled).